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Belize, Canada and Haiti:* draft decision

Appointment of an additional member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolutions 2004/52 of 23 July 2004, 2005/46 of 27 July 2005, 2006/10 of 26 July 2006, 2007/13 of 25 July 2007, 2008/10 of 23 July 2008, 2009/4 of 23 July 2009, 2010/28 of 23 July 2010, 2012/21 of 26 July 2012, 2013/15 of 23 July 2013, 2014/37 of 18 November 2014, 2015/18 of 21 July 2015 and 2016/28 of 27 July 2016, and its decisions 2004/322 of 11 November 2004, 2009/211 of 20 April 2009 and 2009/267 of 15 December 2009, and having considered the letter dated 20 March 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Council,[1] decides to appoint the Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations as an additional member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti.

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.
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Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Jürgen Schulz (Germany), on the basis of informal consultations

Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) That the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its 2017 session will be "Restoring humanity and leaving no one behind: working together to reduce people's humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability";

(b) That it will convene three panel discussions under the segment.

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Non-governmental organizations

Australia, Belgium, Estonia, Germany, Greece*, Ireland, Japan, Nigeria, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay*: draft decision

Application of the non-governmental organization Christian Solidarity Worldwide for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides to grant special consultative status to the non-governmental organization Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

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Albania*, Australia, Austria*, Belgium, Bulgaria*, Chile, Colombia, Croatia*, Cyprus*, Czechia, Estonia, Finland*, France, Germany, Greece*, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia*, Lithuania*, Malta*, Mexico*, Netherlands*, Peru, Poland*, Republic of Korea, Slovakia*, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay*: draft decision

Improving the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Economic and Social Council,

(a) Recalling Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations,

(b) Acknowledging the breadth of expertise of non-governmental organizations and their capacity to support the work of the United Nations,

(c) Recalling that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations should ensure, to the extent possible, the participation of non-governmental organizations from all regions, and in particular from developing countries, in order to help to achieve a just, balanced, effective and genuine involvement of non-governmental organizations from all regions and areas of the world,

(d) Taking into account that the webcast of meetings would provide civil society with access to the work of the Committee and thereby allow for broader participation worldwide and greater transparency in achieving and implementing initiatives, in particular those related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

(e) Recalling that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires the engagement and full participation of civil society,

(f) Recalling also its resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 on the consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations,

Decides that the public meetings of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be webcast.

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United Nations research and training institutes

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Marie Chatardová (Czechia), on the basis of informal consultations

United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 54/228 of 22 December 1999, 55/207 of 20 December 2000, 55/258 of 14 June 2001, 55/278 of 12 July 2001, 58/224 of 23 December 2003 and 60/214 of 22 December 2005,

Recalling also its resolutions 2009/10 of 27 July 2009, 2011/10 of 22 July 2011, 2013/14 of 23 July 2013 and 2015/9 of 9 June 2015,

Reaffirming the role of the United Nations System Staff College as an institution for system-wide knowledge management, training and continuous learning for the staff of the United Nations system, in particular in the areas of economic and social development, peace and security and internal management,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 60/214,[1]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Welcomes* the progress made by the United Nations System Staff College over the past two years in providing high-quality learning and training opportunities to the United Nations system;

3. *Recognizes* the continued efforts of the Staff College to establish itself as a centre of excellence for building the capacity of United Nations staff system-wide and of relevant partners of the United Nations system, and the ability of the Staff College to mainstream the principles of the transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[2] through inter-agency learning, training and knowledge management;

[1] E/2017/52.
[2] General assembly resolution 70/1.

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4. *Welcomes* the important role of the Staff College as a catalyst for organizational change and transformation within the United Nations system;

5. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made by the Staff College in developing shared leadership and managerial skills among United Nations staff, thus supporting the United Nations system in effectively delivering its mandate according to its values;

6. *Also notes with appreciation* the continued efforts of the Staff College to ensure its sustainability, including through self-generated resources;

7. *Calls upon* all organizations of the United Nations system to make full and effective use of the services provided by the Staff College, to coordinate their learning and training activities with the Staff College and to encourage the participation of their staff in relevant Staff College courses;

8. *Also calls upon* the Staff College to further develop management training activities for staff members to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the United Nations system;

9. *Encourages* Member States to continue to support the Staff College by recognizing its unique inter-agency function and its important role in building the capacity of United Nations staff and of relevant partners of the United Nations system for the effective and efficient delivery of their mandates.

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United Nations research and training institutes

Algeria: draft resolution

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2009/27 of 30 July 2009, 2011/11 of 22 July 2011 and 2013/45 of 26 July 2013,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 62/210 of 19 December 2007 and section I of resolution 64/260 of 29 March 2010,

Acknowledging the progress made by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in the implementation of its strategic framework and the achievements in diverse programmatic fields, including multilateralism, economic development and social inclusion, sustainable development, peace, resilience-building and disaster risk reduction,

Acknowledging also the role that the Institute has been playing in strengthening its efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[1] through training and related capacity-building activities, including efforts to help national partners to mainstream the 2030 Agenda through policies, programmes and plans, to monitor and evaluate progress and to develop statistical capacities to support improved data availability, with a focus on developing countries, in particular countries in Africa, the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States,

Acknowledging further the leadership role that the Institute has been playing over the past 15 years in supporting the international humanitarian and development communities with improved access to information for decision-making and operational coordination in the field through its Operational Satellite Applications Programme,

Encouraged by the growth in beneficiary outreach since 2014 through increased training and knowledge-sharing events, in particular with regard to peacekeeping and climate change,

[1] General Assembly resolution 70/1.

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Noting the continued stable overall financial situation of the Institute and the increase in its budget that was approved by the Board of Trustees, and expressing its appreciation to Governments and other strategic partners that have made or pledged voluntary contributions to the Institute,

Welcoming the efforts of the Institute to align its 2018-2021 strategic framework with the 2030 Agenda and to increase efforts to meet the learning and other capacity needs of countries in special situations,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General;[2]

2. *Encourages* the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to continue to respond to learning and other capacity needs in accordance with its mandate and the outcomes of relevant international conferences, and to continue to align and harmonize its activity with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[1] and ongoing reforms of the United Nations development system, including the finalization of its 2018-2021 strategic framework with a view to enhancing its effectiveness, efficiency and coherence;

3. *Also encourages* the Institute to continue to respond to requests, including from United Nations entities, for maps derived from satellite imagery and reports to support the humanitarian and development community;

4. *Renews its appeal* to Member States to provide voluntary non-earmarked contributions to the Institute;

5. *Encourages* all donors in a position to do so to strengthen their support to the Institute to enhance its capacity-building activities, in particular in the developing countries;

6. *Encourages* the Institute to continue to build and strengthen partnerships with all stakeholders, including United Nations system entities, the business sector, academia and civil society;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council in 2019 on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[2] E/2017/48.